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Application of: Bennett et al.

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For: USE OF HEPARINASE TO DECREASE INFLAMMATORY RESPONSES

**DECLARATION OF INVENTOR UNDER 37 CFR §1.132**

The undersigned, Joseph Zimmermann, declares and states that:

I am an inventor of the subject matter which is described in United States Patent No. 5,997,863 and am inventor of the subject matter which is described in the above referenced patent application. I understand that the Examiner for the above referenced patent application has deemed that the claimed invention was earlier described but not claimed in United States Patent No. 5,997,863 at col. 17-18 in Example 8. I disagree with the Examiner's assertion, and hereby state that the invention claimed in the above referenced patent application was not described in United States Patent No. 5,997,863. In addition, I hereby state that the invention claimed in the above referenced patent application was made by the inventors of the above referenced patent application.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that the statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 31, 2001